

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the amendments to the claims and the following remarks. In the Office action mailed August 25, 2004, claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,524,514 to Hadaway et al.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-3 and 10-18. Claims 4 and 7-8 have been rewritten into independent form. Applicant has amended claims 7 and 8 to further clarify distinctions between the cited prior art and the claimed invention. Applicant has amended claim 6 to correct typographical errors. Applicant has added new independent claim 19 and new dependent claims 20-31.

Specifically, claim 4 has been rewritten into independent form. Claim 4, both as originally filed and as amended, recites "an opening through which a handle extends for manipulating an interlock that prevents simultaneous operation of the saw when the fence structure is moving." In contrast, Hadaway's saw has no opening, handle, or interlock. Original claim 5 now depends from rewritten independent claim 4 and is allowable.

Claim 6 has been amended to correct typographical errors in that the word "planer" has been replaced with "planar."

Amended claim 7 now recites a substantially circular-cylindrical housing. Additionally, amended claim 7 now recites "an interlock that prevents the fence structure from moving during operation of the saw." In contrast, Hadaway's rail 8 is substantially square, and Hadaway's saw has no interlock.

Claim 8 has been rewritten into independent form. Amended claim 8 recites that

“the carriage has a first T-shaped groove for receiving one or more bolt members.” Additionally, claim 8 has been amended to further recite “a second T-shaped groove for fastening an interlock actuator mounting structure.” In contrast, Hadaway’s carriage 7 has no T-shaped grooves.

Original claim 9 now depends from rewritten independent claim 4 and is allowable.

This amendment adds independent claim 19 and dependent claims 20-31, which depend from claim 19. Support for these claims is included, for example, in the claims as originally filed; on page 4, lines 15-17 of the specification; in the Figures; and/or in other parts of the application. These claims each recite an interlock actuator and an interlock actuator mounting plate. In contrast, Hadaway’s saw has no interlock actuator or interlock actuator mounting plate. Therefore, each of these claims should be allowed for at least this reason.

Applicants believe that, for at least the above reasons, all of the pending claims are patentable and are now in condition for allowance. Please contact applicant’s attorney if there are any additional issues to address.

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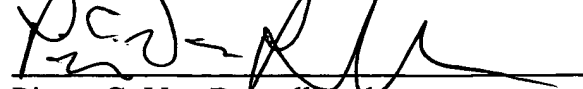
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